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ALLIES TURN DOWN BOWEN

Ministers at Washington Entreat Their Governments to Retract Rejection.

WITHHOLD HEADSTRONG NOTE

No Information Is at Hand That Indicates a Desire to Settle Complicated Problems by the Powers.

Washington, Jan. 31.—It developed today that the answers of the allied powers to Minister Bowen's latest proposal arrived here yesterday, but were not immediately presented to the minister. The answers were to the effect that the allies could not consent that the United States and other claimant nations receive the same treatment as the blockading powers, and that they therefore rejected in toto Mr. Bowen's final proposition.

Knowing the consequences that are to follow the presentation of this answer the representatives of the allies took upon themselves the responsibility of withholding the notes of their governments and of again cabling, urging a retraction of their preferential demands. The exchanges are still in progress between the Italian, German and British embassies, but there is no evidence that the allies intend yielding. If they hold out their representatives must present the joint refusal and the Washington negotiations will come to a standstill.

Meanwhile Mr. Bowen is biding his time. He is keeping Caracas informed as to the progress of events here and is counseling patience, hoping that the powers will yet yield. As a matter of fact he has yet received no intimation from the powers that they are really desirous of settling the Venezuelan dispute at Washington as the representations of the powers have thus far consisted of counter propositions.

Tonight Minister Bowen is taking a very hopeful view of the situation. An adverse reply of the allies to his latest proposal had not been delivered to him up to a late hour.

The fact that 68 hours have now elapsed since any communication from the allies has reached him, gives rise to the belief that the powers are carefully considering the proposition.

LOOKS LIKE IT'S FULTON

Hawkins of Polk Enrolls Under the Standard of the Leading Candidate.

EARLY ELECTION PREDICTED

Little Business Done at Yesterday's Session—Hahn's Bill to Protect Boatpullers Passed by House.

Salmon, Jan. 31.—(Special)—The feature in today's halting for United States senator was another vote cast for C. W. Fulton. Hawkins of Polk county has heretofore been voting for Wolverton, but today allied himself with the supporters of the Clatsop candidate. In replying to rollcall Representative Hawkins said:

"In casting my vote today I think I can disclaim any intention to create any sensation or surprise, as it has been pretty generally known what has been my attitude during the past few days. For two weeks I have been voting for a man who is well qualified to assume the position for which he has been named. I think the time has come to ally myself with the greatest number of republicans who are casting their votes together. I will therefore vote for the Hon. Charles W. Fulton."

While the vote of Hawkins did not create a particular sensation and was not followed by a stampede, it came nevertheless as a glad surprise to Fultonites and was greeted by them with a burst of appreciative applause.

The election of a senator is now deemed to be a possibility of the near future, not later than Tuesday being set to bring about the much desired result. It is acknowledged in reliable circles that by that time the forces of Fulton will be fully concentrated and his election is practically assured. The new vote gained for him is considered a good omen and his friends have redoubled their efforts to elect him. While the vote of today was not notably altered, it was due to absentees. Following is the vote:

Fulton	32
Geer	16
Wood	14
Scattering	13
Absent and paired	5
Present but not voting	1
Total	90

The house session was a dull one, six measures that had no opposition being passed. They were:

Substitute for bill by Jones of Lincoln to allow counties to procure data at surveyor-general's office; substitute for Kay's bill to provide for the investment of surplus school funds; by Banks, relating to exemption of judgment debtors' earnings; by Davey, increasing salary of assistant warden at penitentiary; by Hahn, to protect boatpullers, fishermen and laborers; by Cobb, to provide for fenders on street-railways.

LOOKS BAD FOR CANAL

Conference Held to Devise Means to Ratify Pending Treaty with Colombia.

DELAY VEXES THE PRESIDENT

Opposition in Senate Matter of Grave Concern to Those Desiring Immediate and Favorable Action.

Washington, Jan. 31.—An important conference was held at the White House today, the participants being the president, Secretary Hay and Senator Cullom, chairman of the foreign affairs committee of the senate. The subject under discussion was the status of the Panama canal treaty. The situation with regard to the treaty as it has developed in the senate is giving the administration and its supporters grave concern. The president is exceedingly anxious that the treaty should be ratified at the earliest possible moment, yet the indications now are that serious obstructions may be placed in the way of ratification.

Senator Morgan, chairman of the committee on interoceanic canals, takes the ground that the negotiations conducted by the senate department with Mr. Herran, representing Colombia, are not valid, as he holds that Mr. Herran did not possess the necessary authority to make a treaty binding upon his country, and it is understood that he will use his utmost efforts to defeat the treaty in its present form. Indeed, the intimation has reached the president that when the treaty is called for consideration in the senate amendments will be offered to almost every section of it. Such action, it is well understood, will seriously delay final action upon it, even if it should not result in defeat of its ratification. It is stated definitely that any amendment to the treaty would spoil the entire canal project, as the government of Colombia might hesitate to accept amendments made to it, particularly if they involved essential details of principals.

GERMAN WARSHIP MOVING

Caracas, Jan. 31.—News has reached here that a German warship supposed to be the cruiser Falke, was seen this morning near the bar at Maracaibo making soundings. She had landed men in her smallboats.

LARGEST OF ALL DOMES

A Creation for St. Louis Fair Will Eclipse Anything Extant.

St. Louis, Jan. 31.—The plans of the festival hall of the Louisiana Purchase exposition have been submitted, showing that the dome will be the largest in the world, excelling in size those of St. Peter's cathedral and the Pantheon at Rome.

ARSENALS WANT RIFLES

Rush Order for Krag Jorgensen's Due to Unknown Cause.

FLEET DEPARTS

English Battleships Leave Portsmouth on a Prolonged Cruise.

London, Jan. 31.—Exceptional interest attached to the departure of the channel squadron from Portsmouth today on a prolonged cruise. For the first time British battleships have been fitted to consume oil as fuel.

WAGES INCREASED

Denver, Jan. 31.—The Denver and Rio Grande railroad has voluntarily increased the wages of all its machinists, boiler-makers, blacksmiths, tinworkers, inspectors, car-repairers and their helpers 2 1/2 to 5 percent.

CENTENARIAN DIES

Tacoma, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Marguerite Allen, born December 23, 1798, in Scotland, died here this afternoon.

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BUTTE MAN SUICIDES

Prominent Montanan Ends His Life By the Pistol Route.

Butte, Jan. 31.—Willard H. Winters, one of the most prominent men in Butte shot himself through the head with a revolver tonight, dying instantly.

It is said that Winters' fiancée broke their engagement after having heard that he had been drinking and this led to his suicide. On the table beside his bed and almost within reach of the corpse were piled heaps of wedding presents which had been sent for the ceremony which was to have been performed tonight.

Winters was a brother of William Winters of Spokane, who is a well known railroad contractor.

GRIDIRON CLUB HAS MEET.

Unique Feature Introduced—Hundreds of Guests Present.

Washington, Jan. 31.—The annual dinner of the Gridiron club was a record breaker in the way of unique features, over 200 guests were present, including J. P. Morgan. One amusing feature was a representation of the pomp and ceremony of the Spanish court of 1492 mingled with 20th century ideas and events. One of the questions propounded to Columbus was "What is a trust," to which he answered, "A bunch of money surrounded by water."

HOBSON RESIGNS

Merrimac Hero Would Not Be Relieved and So Quits.

Washington, Jan. 31.—Captain R. P. Hobson of Merrimac fame has tendered his resignation as a naval constructor in the navy. For some time Captain Hobson has sought to be relieved, but the board before which he was examined pronounced him fit for duty and he was ordered to duty in charge of construction work at the Bremerton, Wash., navy yard.

PATRIOTS ARE EULOGIZED

Signers of the Declaration of Independence Are Honored.

Washington, Jan. 31.—After three hours of general debate upon the post-office appropriation bill which was made notable by a speech in favor of tariff reform by Williams (Mass.) who is a candidate for democratic leadership of the next house, the house suspended public business and listened to addresses by Pearce of Maryland; Dalglish of Pennsylvania, and Schirm of Maryland on the life and public services of Charles Carroll of Carrollton and John Hanson, two of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, whose statues have been erected by the state of Maryland in the statuary hall.

Grosvenor presided during the exercises and there were Marylanders in the galleries. The death of Representative Rumble of Iowa which occurred this morning in Chicago, was announced. The usual resolutions were adopted and a committee was appointed to attend the funeral.

THIEVES NOT APPREHENDED

One Pilferer Stole Much and Rewards Are Offered.

Baker City, Jan. 31.—Further developments in the great ore thefts today demonstrates that there are more people concerned than at first supposed.

The suggestion that there is an organized gang at work is not born out by the investigation so far made.

It is now well established that there has been wholesale pilfering on the part of miners working in some of the rich mines, but it is further demonstrated that it is almost impossible to

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